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1. This communication is responsive to the amendment after final filed 28 April 2004.			
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>2-4,6-26,28,29 and 60.</u>			
3. X The drawings filed on 14 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.			
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All			
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment after final filed on 28 April 2004 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 28 April 2004 have been fully considered and they are persuasive in light of the corresponding amendment and Telephonic Interview of 26 April 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 2-4, 6-26, 28, 29, and 60 are allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not show a drive-by-wire riding lawn mower as claimed which includes, among the recited elements, the microprocessor operating the mower in a normal mode when the mode switch is in the work position and reducing a rate at which the at least two wheels steer the m6wer when the mode switch is in the transport mode by reducing a sensitivity to a steering input from the at least one controller so that the mower can safely turn during high speed operation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Royal whose telephone number is 703-308-8570. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley D. Morris can be reached on 703-308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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